



## Statewide Video Advisory Council

June 18, 2008 Unapproved Minutes

Present: Gregory Davis, Susan Huizenga, Temporary Co-Chairman Don Saltzman, Aldo Sicuso, Marlene Silverstein, Temporary Co-Chairman Stephen Simonin, AT&T Representative Kinson Perry

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Temporary Chairman Don Saltzman. Since a quorum was not present, no votes were taken at this meeting.

*By-Laws:* The By-Laws were reviewed and the following amendments were suggested:

1. Article III – Terminology: Section 2 should be amended to read, “...operators of cable television systems...”.
2. Remove Article V – Board of Directors.
3. Remove all references to “Board of Directors” and replace with “members”.
4. Article VI – Officers: Section 5, last line should be amended to read, “...and shall be an ex officio member of...”.
5. Article VII – Meetings: Section 7 should be amended to reflect that a quorum would be 1/3 of the membership.
6. Article VII – Meetings: Section 8 should be removed.
7. Article IX – Committees: Section 3 should be amended to read, “...shall be an ex officio member of...”.
8. Add to By-Laws: A member shall select an alternate from member’s local advisory council to attend the meeting if the member cannot attend and notify the Chairman of the alternate’s name.

*Update on AT&T System Issues:* Kinson Perry reported on the following issues:

1. VRAD DPUC Docket #07-03-34 which concerns notification to municipalities and neighboring property owners to the rights-of-way where VRAD boxes will be located. Going forward, notification will also include those neighbors who are in the VRAD “line of sight” as well as neighbors within a certain distance such as those located across from a VRAD box.
  - a. VRAD box sizes were also discussed. It was reported that the boxes are getting approximately 1/3 smaller.

2. PEG DPUC Docket #08-01-05 which concerns subscriber fee payments to access providers. Mr. Perry reported that the original format proposed by AT&T would be 1/3 to community access providers, 1/3 to local access providers and 1/3 to cable company providers with the cable company's share to accrue until an interconnection agreement was signed. The DPUC has ruled that only certified access providers may receive subscriber fee payments. Letters have been sent to the cable companies concerning the interconnection agreements.
3. AT&T will work with local access providers for their programming, but due to DPUC ruling, will be unable to give subscriber fee payments to local access providers unless they are also certified access providers.
4. During the public hearing on proposed bill HB 5814, AT&T notified the Energy & Technology Committee that it was willing to pay for the encoder boxes and T-1 lines to access provider facilities, but that the access provider would be responsible for the hook-up, maintenance and replacement costs and; therefore, that section of this bill would not be necessary. (This bill failed to pass during the regular session of the legislature which ended May 7<sup>th</sup> and will not be brought before the legislature again.)

*Secretary's Report:* No minutes were available from the April 24, 2008 meeting.

*Treasurer's Report:* Aldo Sicuso (Treasurer for the former Americast Statewide Advisory Council) reported that approximately \$6,800.00 still remained in the bank and since the books had been closed and the funds not able to be returned to SNET (now AT&T), those funds would be turned over to the present council.

*Town Member Reports:* None

*New Business: Vote for Slate of Officers for 2008-2009:* No slate was presented because a vote could not take place.

*Manager's Report:* Kinson Perry incorporated this in with his report on system issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Silverstein  
Secretary Pro Tempore